1	2	3	4
West Bengal SEB	30108	10863	40971
Bihar SEB	66670	35063	101733
GRIDCO (Orissa)	18979	2357	21336
DVC	16498	11580	28078
Sikkim	499	154	653
Assam	41	0	41
Total	399765	243488	643253

Abbreviations :
SEBs : State Electricity Boards
GRIDCO : Grid Corporation of Orissa Ltd.

Ban on Gutka

214. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether gutka industry has a turnover of nearly 1500 crore per annum;

(b) whether this item has been standardised under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955;

(c) whether some State Governments have requested the Union Government to impose a ban on consumption and production of gutka;

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in responding to the request of the State Governments; and

(e) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) Pan Masala and Gutka industry are reported to be growing from an estimated Rs. 200 crores in 1992 to Rs. 1000 crores in 1997.

(b) Gutka is a combination of Pan Masala with chewing tobacco. Standards of Pan Masala have been prescribed under PFA Rules, 1955. PFA Rules also provide that every package of Pan Masala as well as chewing tobacco shall bear the warning statement stating about the injurious effect of chewing of Pan Masala/tobacco.

(c) States like Maharashtra and Goa have proposed to impose a ban on consumption and production of Gutka.

(d) and (e) The entire issue has been examined by an Expert Committee under the Director General of Health Services. These recommendations of the Expert Committee are now required to be considered by the Central Committee for Food Standards (CCFS), a statutory advisory Committee set up under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act 1954 in its meeting which is likely to be held by the end of November, 1997.

Power Grid Corporation

215. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Grid Corporation of India proposed to help the power sector of China;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a Chinese delegation visited India recently and discussed the matter with Indian Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the outcome thereof; and

(e) the details and names of countries where the Power Grid Corporation of India is helping their power sector and number of such proposals in its hand at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) A technical team from powergrid attended the CIGRE conference held in China in August 1997 and also discussed with the Chinese Authorities about the progress made by China in recent years in power Sector. However, no concrete proposal materalised.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. A Chinese delegation visited India from 14.10.1997 to 18.10 1997. During this period they visited some of the installations of NTPC, POWERGRID and CPRI, Bangalore, They had also discussions with POWERGRID Officers to explore the possibility of exchanging the expertise in the power sector. No specific proposal has yet been received from the government of China.